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OUR LONDON LETTER.

The genuine popularity of the Prince and Princess of Wales after twenty-five years of married life may be judged from the prevailing heartiness of loyal sympathy with their Royal Highnesses on the eve of their Silver Wedding. It is a pleasure to state once again that this popularity is thoroughly well deserved. Her Majesty has in the Prince and Princess of Wales representatives who have fairly won the love of the people by their wholehearted and earnest performance of those graceful and charitable duties we English delight to see discharged by our Queen or members of the Royal family. With right goodwill, accordingly, Britons all the world over will on the Tenth of March combine to drink to the health and happiness of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their family, one and all worthy the good stock they come from.

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The Silver Wedding will be kept *en famille* by the Prince and Princess. Naturally so! Domestic celebrations of such interesting and happy anniversaries are the best and most fitting. At the same time, the Prince is sufficiently alive to the signs of the times to know that the public expect the Court to maintain its old repute for generous and open-handed hospitality; and that in these days especially our Royal festivities should not suffer by comparison with the gay and frequent Republican fêtes of President Carnot in Paris. No one, I repeat, is more awake to the necessity of reviving the brilliancy of the Court of St. James's than the Prince of Wales, who has already converted many Columbians who used to be of opinion that "Paris was the Paradise of all good Americans." H.R.H. reasonably desires that London should vie with Paris, if not eclipse the "Gay City," in this respect. "And so say all of us."

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Niagara in London! One of the ablest of London Managers, Mr. John Hollingshead, bids the public to walk up and see the most natural and wonderful panorama the Metropolis has yet possessed. I refer to the marvellously realistic tableau of Niagara Falls, 395 ft. round and 60 ft. high, a masterpiece of panoramic painting by M. Philippoteaux. At the Niagara Cyclorama and Museum in York-street, close by St. James's Park Railway Station, Londoners may now for the first time realise the grandeur of the grandest series of waterfalls in the world, set in a wealth of mellow autumn foliage that adds to the beauty of the vast cataracts. In the public club-room, the unsurpassed *chef*, M. Béguinot, provides fare to tempt an epicure. The Niagara Cyclorama should draw "All London," and become a favourite rendezvous.

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I have been reading a remarkably thoughtful and serviceable new book, "The Dawn of the Twentieth Century" (published by MM. Field and Tuer, Leadenhall-street), by an anonymous author who has clearly made a special study of Imperial politics and administration. Peace is the text. The clever writer imagines that at the commencement of the next century her Majesty will have resigned the Throne to the Prince of Wales, who will still, however, have—

the opportunity of consulting the venerable and universally revered Queen Dowager on these high principles of statecraft concerning which her Majesty's unexampled experience of home and Continental politics renders her the highest living exponent.

Edward VII. is to be the name of our next King of England. Our penetrating author conceives his Majesty's first duty on assuming regal responsibilities will be to read the reports of his various Secretaries of State. I commend these admirable papers to Lord Salisbury and Lord Rosebery, Lord Cross and Lord Kimberley, Mr. Smith and Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Matthews and Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Balfour, Mr. John Morley, and others. With some of the forecasts I don't agree. The Irish nettle is not gripped like a man of mettle, for example. Nor do I fancy Prince Bismarck—who the other day required eighteen drinks to complete his last warlike speech in the Berlin Reichstag—will survive to propose a Berlin Conference of Peace and Disarmament. Not likely! All the same, those fond of dipping into futurity (and believers in palmistry and in telling fortunes by cards yet abound) will find much to interest them in "The Dawn of the Twentieth Century."

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Look at the Athenian lady to the left, and you have a counterfeit presentment of the noted Mrs. "Gordon Baillie" as she appeared in the Greek tableau at the Royal Institute's Masque of Painters at the Prince's Hall on May 19, 1885. In the words of Joe Gargery, Mrs. "Gordon Baillie" was "a fine figger of a woman," and good-looking withal. I have no doubt the Prince and Princess of Wales who graciously honoured the Masque with their presence, recollect the striking appearance of Mrs. "Gordon Baillie" (or "Mrs. White") in that Greek living picture. It seems that it was when Greek joined Greek in "Modern Athens" that "the tug of war" came.

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Wednesday brought a pleasant foretaste of the balmy breath of Spring—to those that were left of us. The geniality of the air made a trip up the river to Putney welcome. The misfortunes that have befallen the Dark Blues have not diminished their pluck; but the rowing of the Cambridge crew fairly entitles the Light Blues to the pride of place as the favourite colours. But Londoners can now judge for themselves at Putney as to the superiority of Cambridge over Oxford in the training-spins for the race on Saturday, the 24th.

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Mr. Gladstone's "last":—"Glad to know the Crown Prince is decidedly better. Reuter reminds us every morning that we may *expect oration* from him!"

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Lord Folkestone has declared a dividend of 8 per cent at the annual meeting of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, Limited. Good business! Mr. Carl Rosa is entitled to the warmest gratitude of all British lovers of Music for his unsparing and costly efforts, crowned with success, to establish a National Opera in this country. Can one ever forget his magnificent and splendid production of Wagner's "Rienzi," "Tannhäuser," and "Lohengrin" in English? The Court ought long ago to have bestowed some title of honour on Mr. Carl Rosa for his noble labours. I wish the Carl Rosa Company every success in their endeavour to secure a worthy home for English Opera in London.

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An Aldershott Camp correspondent writes—"You were good enough to mention the visit of

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Church of England Soldiers' Institute in September last. His promise then made has been fulfilled by his sending two large plates—one of himself, the other of H.R.H. the Princess. They were at once hung in the large Lecture Room of this grand building, which is, indeed, a luxury to Tommy Atkins. There has lately been a further addition to this place—viz., a place of worship known as the 'Gordon Room.'" Tommy Atkins of to-day is in clover. By-and-by he may be able to shoot partridges.

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The public rush for the handsome Coloured Portraits of the Prince and Princess of Wales by that masterly English battle-painter, Mr. R. Caton Woodville, has quite justified my preliminary commendation of this brilliant plate—a handsome picture for every loyal home on this seasonable occasion. Issued free as the Coloured Supplement to the Royal Silver Wedding Extra Number of *The Illustrated London News*, this bright copy of Mr. Woodville's fine painting (superbly printed by Messrs. Keep and Co.) is alone worth far more than the shilling asked for the Number. No wonder the demand greatly exceeded the supply on the day of publication! Take it altogether, the *I.L.N.* Silver Wedding Number, the letterpress carefully compiled by Mr. Edward Rose, is far and away the best souvenir, abounding, as it does, in special illustrations, drawn by Royal favour, of the exemplary home-life of the Prince and Princess of Wales. With the public, the crown-ing attraction must naturally be the aforesaid excellent picture of the Prince and Princess by Mr. Caton Woodville, than whom, by-the-way, no one could have devised a more artistic Court pageant in festive celebration of the Silver Wedding if their Royal Highnesses had not decided to keep it as quietly as possible as a family event.

[*Town Edition.*] PHILIP.

THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE SILVER WEDDING.

HER MAJESTY, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, arranged to leave Windsor Castle for Buckingham Palace on Thursday. Her Majesty will hold a Drawing-room at Buckingham Palace on Friday, and will return to Windsor until late on Saturday night, as she will attend the banquet in honour of the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Colonel Sidney Clarke, and accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, arrived at Charing-cross at 4.40 on Tuesday morning, having crossed from Calais to Dover in the new Chatham and Dover Company's steamer Victoria. His Royal Highness drove at once with his guests to Marlborough House. The same day Prince Albert Victor reached town from York. Prince George of Wales arrived at Marlborough House on Tuesday afternoon from the Mediterranean, for the purpose of being present at the celebration of the silver wedding of his parents.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have received numerous valuable presents from all classes of society in view of the attainment of their silver wedding. Presents have also been received from the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany, and from nearly all the Crowned Heads of Europe.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Albert Victor went to the Haymarket Theatre last Tuesday evening to witness the performance of "Partners." On Wednesday, the Prince held a Levée at St. James's Palace, and in the evening dined with the Gentlemen-at-Arms.

QUEEN AND THE EMPRESS.

On Saturday afternoon the Queen, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, left Windsor Castle at half-past two o'clock and proceeded by the South-Western Railway to Farnborough. Her Majesty was received in the Mausoleum in Farnborough Park by the Empress Eugenie. After visiting the Empress at the house, her Majesty returned by the same route, reaching Windsor at half-past five o'clock.

SILVER WEDDING BALL.

A GRAND ball will be given by the King and Queen of Denmark at the Amalienborg Palace on Saturday, in commemoration of the silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The English residents in Copenhagen will celebrate the occasion by a fête at the Casino in the beginning of April.

THE CROWN PRINCE OF AUSTRIA is about to pay a short visit to this country. His Imperial Highness will arrive in London from Vienna on the 17th inst., and will remain in London as the guest of the Queen for about ten days.

THE CROWN PRINCE BETTER.

WE learnt from Paris on Sunday that the Crown Princess had telegraphed to the Queen: "God be thanked, there is again room for hope!" *La Patrie* said: "God grant that the life of the Crown Prince, who is good, affable, and pacific, may be spared!"

The Crown Prince on Monday passed an excellent night, with much less cough and expectoration. His Imperial Highness felt refreshed on Tuesday morning. The Crown Prince spent the whole morning in the garden, where he also took luncheon. His Imperial Highness walked a great deal, and felt much better. Prince William of Prussia, relieved at his father's hopeful condition, returned to Berlin at the commencement of the week.

FIGHTING NEAR SOUAKIM.

A RATHER sharp engagement is reported from Souakim. The rebels commenced firing on the town about midnight on Saturday. At daybreak they were found to have occupied a position in force on the site of Fort Hudson, about 1100 yards from H redoubt, and bodies of horse and foot were seen coming up from Handoub. Owing to the continued firing, an attempt was made to dislodge the dervishes from their position with the mounted corps and two companies of Egyptians and one of black troops, with about two hundred "friendlies," assisted by the fire from the forts and her Majesty's ships Dolphin and Albacore. Rebel reinforcements, however, kept on arriving at intervals, and, their position being considered too strong, our troops retired. During this retirement the enemy, led by their mounted sheikhs, charged furiously, killing Colonel Tapp, commanding the 3rd Battalion, and five men. The remains of Colonel Tapp, late commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion of the Egyptian army, and late Captain of the Welsh Regiment, were interred on Monday morning, with befitting honours. His loss is greatly deplored. He was only thirty-two years old, but he had seen considerable service in the Soudan and Nile campaigns, and was in all respects a most promising officer.

Colonel Kitchener is now recovering from the severe wound which he received in a recent fight near Souakim. The ball has been discovered and removed.

SAD ICE ACCIDENTS.

MISS WRIGHT, daughter of the postmaster at Tittensor, and a nursemaid, were drowned on Sunday while skating on a lake at Trentham Park, Staffordshire, the seat of the Duke of Sutherland.

Four sons of a gamekeeper named Day were drowned on Sunday near Chester. Two were skating on a pond, when they fell in, and the other two came to their rescue. Their ages ranged from seven to seventeen.

A sad ice accident occurred at Abermant, near Aberdare, on Sunday. A number of boys were sliding on the forge pond, when a lad named Moore suddenly fell through the ice. Another boy named Andrew, ten years old, bravely went to his aid, and he also disappeared beneath the ice. After desperate efforts the boy Moore was saved, but the gallant little fellow who went to his rescue was drowned.

AVALANCHES.

THE Rome correspondent of the *Morning Post* says:—"Heartrending accounts have been received of fearful disasters on the Alps from the fall of great avalanches. The Alpine troops, with the Caribiniers, under the direction and leadership of the authorities, have been working heroically in the task of rescuing the people of the small villages which have been buried in the masses of snow. By the latest accounts, more than 200 bodies had been taken out."

MADAME PATTI sang on Sunday afternoon at a charity concert in Lisbon, which was attended by the King and Queen as well as all the Royal family of Portugal. The Opera House was crowded. During the *entr'acte* the gifted artiste was summoned to the Royal box to receive the personal congratulations of their Majesties; and the Queen presented her with a large photograph, on which were inscribed a few kindly lines and her Majesty's autograph.

MRS. PROCTER, widow of "Barry Cornwall," and for much more than half a century a well-known figure in London society, died on Monday at her residence at Kensington.

THE SILVER WEDDING MEDAL struck by Mr. J. W. Palmer, the foreign stamp merchant, of 281, Strand, has been "accepted by Royalty"; and Mr. Palmer intends to distribute 1000 of the S. W. Medals to London school-children.

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON, the new Governor-General of Canada, will be the guest of the Imperial Federation League at their annual dinner at Willis's Rooms on the 21st inst. Lord Rosebery, Chairman of the League, will preside.

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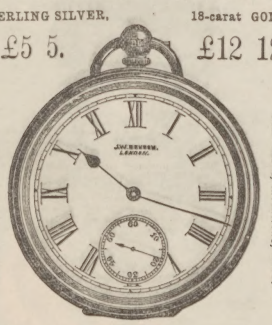

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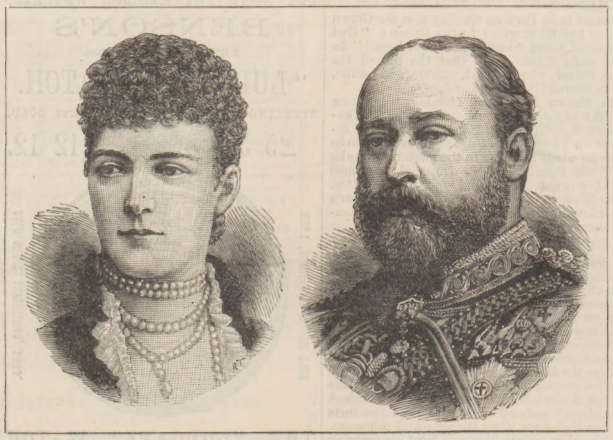

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

[*From the Photographs by Messrs. W. and D. Downey, Ebury-street.*]

THE SILVER WEDDING.

Quite in accordance with the national sentiment would it have been had Saturday, the Tenth of March, been announced as a General Holiday, to jubilantly celebrate the Silver Wedding of our popular Prince and Princess, who are portrayed in a variety of apropos Engravings in the present Number of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*. Our pictures speak so well for themselves that little description is called for, and less shall be inflicted on our readers.

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People are still so apt to regard the Prince and Princess of Wales as comparatively youthful that it may come as a shock to some to remind them that the eldest son and heir of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert Edward, was born on Nov. 9, 1841, at Buckingham Palace; and that her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, eldest daughter of King Christian IX., of Denmark, first saw the light at the Amalienborg Palace, Copenhagen, on Dec. 1, 1844. The Prince of Wales is said, on good authority, to have first seen and fallen in love with the sweet Princess at Heidelberg, in the September of 1861; the betrothal taking place in the ensuing September, while the Prince and Princess were on a visit to the King of the Belgians at the Palace of Laeken, near Brussels—a distinct reason why their Royal Highnesses should feel inclined to make a Silver Wedding trip to the forthcoming grand Brussels Exhibition this year!

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It was on the Seventh of March, 1863, that the "Sea-King's daughter from over the sea" first experienced what a thoroughly hearty English welcome meant. It was at Gravesend that the King of Denmark's fairest daughter was met by the Prince of Wales with all a lover's warmth, and that our usually inclement climate did its best to respond to the Poet-Laureate's loyal and cheery appeal;—

> Break, happy land, into earlier flowers!
> Make music, oh, bird, in the new-budded bowers!
> Blazon your mottoes of blessing and prayer!
> Welcome her, welcome her, all that is ours!

At twenty minutes past twelve on that gladsome day, the Prince of Wales, with the smiling Princess leaning on his arm, stepped on shore from the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert; and some sixty of Kent's prettiest ladies scattered violets, primroses, and sprigs of myrtle on the pathway before their Royal Highnesses, whilst the wife of the Mayor of Gravesend presented Princess Alexandra with a handsome bouquet. Gravesend acquitted itself right zestfully in the way of cheering the happy pair as they were driven through the town to the railway-station. But it was, of course, reserved for the mighty populace of London to stir the hearts of the joyous couple by the crowning "thundering cheer of the street" as they made their way with the greatest difficulty through the densely-crowded thoroughfares, from the Bricklayers' Arms Station of the South-Eastern Railway, on the other side of the water, over London Bridge, and by way of Cheapside, St. Paul's-churchyard, Ludgate-hill, Fleet-street, the Strand, and so on to Paddington Station, en route to Windsor, where her Majesty welcomed her new daughter and her Royal parents. The only reception that we can call to mind at all comparable to that remarkable people's greeting was the fervidly enthusiastic welcome which London's millions accorded to the great Republican Leader, Garibaldi—most single-minded and unselfish of patriots, one of Nature's Princes.

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The wedding in St. George's Chapel on the 10th of March, 1863, is doubly pictured in this Issue. No need to dwell upon that auspicious union. At the altar, behold the young Prince, wearing the uniform of a General, with the orders and collars and purple velvet mantle of a Knight of the Garter, and his charming bride in pure white silk, covered with costly lace, and adorned with orange-blossoms, and a necklace of diamonds and pearls, the gift of the bride-groom. Grouped around are the members of our own Royal family save the Queen (whose mourning caused her Majesty to view the ceremony from the Royal pew aloft to the left), and the Danish Royal family, the stalwart handsome Prince Frederick William of Prussia being also a conspicuous figure near the altar. Let it be added that the bride's train was carried by eight unmarried daughters of Dukes, Marquises, and Earls—namely, Lady Victoria Scott, Lady Eliza Bruce, Lady Emily Villiers, Lady Feodore Wellesley, Lady Diana Beauclerck, Lady Victoria Howard, Lady Augusta Yorke, and Lady Eleanor Hare. Twenty-five years have elapsed since that truly Royal marriage, consummation of a real love-match, took place in Windsor. This journal has faithfully recorded the manifold performances of the Prince and Princess since then; and it speaks eloquently of the regard which their unfailing geniality and graciousness have gained for them that their Royal Highnesses have, if anything, knitted themselves more closely than ever to the heart of the nation, which with one accord wishes them the happiest celebration of their Silver Wedding on the present Tenth of March.

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It is a notable Silver Wedding fact that the urbanity of the Prince and Princess of Wales, which renders their fulfilment of every task and duty a pleasure to all with whom they are brought into contact, has been inherited by their children. Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, sailors together on their memorable voyage round the world, are now, as they were then, embodiments of what frank, natural, and unaffected young men should be. Princesses Louise, Maud, and Victoria are as charmingly simple and sweetly gracious as the Princess of Wales herself. On the threshold of manhood and womanhood, the sons and daughters of our Prince and Princess gain through the forthcoming anniversary a fresh lesson of the sanctity of those home ties which we believe they have ever affectionately cultivated. Be sure the Silver Wedding gifts of the young Princes and Princesses will be among those most highly prized by their fond parents.

MR. CHARLES DARLING, Q.C., M.P. FOR DEPTFORD.

A STRANGE MANUSCRIPT

FOUND IN A COPPER CYLINDER.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE KOSEKIN.

These people call themselves the Kosekin. Their chief characteristic—or, at least, their most prominent one—is their love of darkness, which, perhaps, is due to their habit of dwelling in caves. Another feeling, equally strong and perhaps connected with this, is their love of death and dislike of life. This is visible in many ways, and affects all their character. It leads to a passionate self-denial, an incessant effort to benefit others at their own expense. Each one hates life and longs for death. He, therefore, hates riches, and all things that are associated with life.

Among the Kosekin every one makes perpetual efforts to serve others, which, however, are perpetually baffled by the unselfishness of these others. People thus spend years in trying to overreach one another, so as to make others richer than themselves. In a race each one tries to keep behind: but as this leads to confusion, there is then a universal effort for each one to be first, so as to put his neighbour in the honourable position of the rear. It is the same way in a hunt. Each one presses forward, so as to honour his companion by leaving him behind. Instead of injuring, everyone tries to benefit his neighbour. When one has been benefited by another, he is filled with a passion which may be called Kosekin revenge—namely, a sleepless and vehement desire to bestow some adequate and corresponding benefit on the other. Feuds are thus kept up among families and wars among nations. For no one is willing to accept from another any kindness, any gift, or any honour; and all are continually on the watch to prevent themselves from being overreached in this way. Those who are less watchful than others are overwhelmed with gifts by designing men, who wish to attain to the pauper class. The position of Almah and myself illustrates this. Our ignorance of the blessings and honours of poverty led us to receive whatever was offered us. Taking advantage of our innocence and ignorance, the whole city thereupon proceeded to bestow their property upon us, and all became paupers through our fortunate arrival.

No one ever injures another unless by accident, and when this occurs it affords the highest joy to the injured party. He has now a claim on the injurer; he gets him into his power, is able to confer benefits on him and force upon him all that he wishes. The unhappy injurer, thus punished by the reception of wealth, finds himself helpless; and where the injury is great, the injured man may bestow upon the other all his wealth and attain to the envied position of a pauper.

Among the Kosekin the sick are objects of the highest regard. All classes vie with one another in their attentions. The rich send their luxuries; the paupers, however, not having anything to give, go themselves and wait on them and nurse them. For this there is no help, and the rich grumble, but can do nothing. The sick are thus sought out incessantly, and most carefully tended. When they die there is great rejoicing, since death is a blessing; but the nurses labour hard to preserve them in life, so as to prolong the enjoyment of the high privilege of nursing. Of all the sick the incurable are most honoured, since they require nursing always. Children also are highly honoured and esteemed, and the aged too, since both classes require the care of others, and must be the recipients of favours which all are anxious to bestow. Those who suffer from contagious diseases are more sought after than any other class, for in waiting on these there is the chance of gaining the blessing of death; indeed, in these cases much trouble is usually experienced from the rush of those who insist on offering their services.

For it must never be forgotten that the Kosekin love death as we love life; and this accounts for all those ceremonies which to me were so abhorrent, especially the scenes of the *Mista Kosek*. To them a dead human body is no more than the dead body of a bird: there is no awe felt, no sense of sanctity, of superstitious horror; and so I learned with a shudder that the hate of life is a far worse thing than the fear of death. This desire for death is, then, a master-passion, and is the key to all their words and acts. They rejoice over the death of friends, since those friends have gained the greatest of blessings; they rejoice also at the birth of children, since those who are born will one day gain the bliss of death.

For a couple to fall in love is the signal for mutual self-surrender. Each insists on giving up the loved one; and the more passionate the love is, the more eager is the desire to have the loved one married to someone else. Lovers have died broken-hearted from being compelled to marry one another. Poets here among the Kosekin celebrate unhappy love which has met with this end. These poets also celebrate defeats instead of victories, since it is considered glorious for one nation to sacrifice itself to another; but to this there are important limitations, as we shall see. Poets also celebrate street-sweepers, scavengers, lamplighters, labourers, and, above all, paupers; and pass by, as unworthy of notice, the authors, Meleks, and Kohens of the land.

The paupers here form the most honourable class. Next to these are the labourers. These have strikes, as with us; but it is always for harder work, longer hours, or smaller pay. The contest between capital and labour rages, but the conditions are reversed; for the grumbling capitalist complains that the labourer will not take as much pay as he ought to, while the labourer thinks the capitalist too persistent in his efforts to force money upon him.

Here, among the Kosekin, the wealthy class forms the mass of the people, while the aristocratic few consist of the paupers. These are greatly envied by the others, and have many advantages. The cares and burdens of wealth, as well as wealth itself, are here considered a curse, and from all these the paupers are exempt. There is a perpetual effort on the part of the wealthy to induce the paupers to accept gifts, just as among us the poor try to rob the rich. Among the wealthy there is a great and incessant murmur at the obstinacy of the paupers. Secret movements are sometimes set on foot which aim at a redistribution of property and a levelling of all classes, so as to reduce the haughty paupers to the same condition as the mass of the nation. More than once there has been a violent attempt at a revolution, so as to force wealth on the paupers; but as a general thing these movements have been put down, and their leaders severely punished. The paupers have shown no mercy in their hour of triumph; they have not conceded one jot to the public demand, and the unhappy conspirators have been condemned to increased wealth and luxury, while the leaders have been made Meleks and Kohens. Thus there are among the Kosekin the unfortunate many who are cursed with wealth, and the fortunate few who are blessed with poverty. These walk while the others ride, and from their squalid huts look proudly and contemptuously upon the palaces of their unfortunate fellow-countrymen.

The love of death leads to perpetual efforts on the part of each to lay down his life for another. This is a grave difficulty in hunts and battles. Confined prisoners dare not fly, for in such an event the guards kill themselves. This leads to fresh rigors in the captivity of the prisoners in case of their recapture, for they are overwhelmed with fresh luxuries and increased splendours. Finally, if a prisoner persist and is recaptured, he is solemnly put to death, not, as with us, by way of severity, but as the last and greatest honour. Here extremes meet; and death, whether for honour or dishonour, is all the same—death—and is reserved for desperate cases. But among the Kosekin this lofty destiny is somewhat embittered by the agonising thought of the prisoner, who thus gains it, that his wretched family must be doomed, not, as with us, to poverty and want, but, on the contrary, to boundless wealth and splendour.

HERO AND HEROINE OF "A STRANGE MANUSCRIPT."

Women and men are in every respect absolutely equal, holding precisely the same offices and doing the same work. In general, however, it is observed that women are a little less fond of death than men, and a little less unwilling to receive gifts. For this reason they are very numerous among the wealthy class, and abound in the offices of administration. Women serve in the army and navy as well as men, and from their lack of ambition or energetic perseverance they are usually relegated to the lower ranks, such as officers and generals. To my mind it seemed as though the women were in all the offices of honour and dignity, but in reality it was the very opposite. The same is true in the family. The husbands insist on giving everything to the wives and doing everything for them. The wives are therefore universally the rulers of the household, while the husbands have an apparently subordinate, but, to the Kosekin, a more honourable position.

As to the religion of the Kosekin, I could make nothing of it. They believe that after death they go to what they call the world of darkness. The death that they long for leads to the darkness that they love; and the death and the darkness are eternal. Still, they persist in saying that the death and the darkness together form a state of bliss. They are eloquent about the happiness that awaits them there in the sunless land—the world of darkness; but for my own part, it always seemed to me a state of nothingness.

CHAPTER XVII.

BELIEF AND UNBELIEF.

The doctor was here interrupted by Featherstone, who with a yawn informed him that it was eleven o'clock and that human endurance had its limits. Upon this the doctor rolled up the manuscript and put it aside for the night, after which supper was ordered.

"Well," said Featherstone, "what do you think of this last?"

"It contains some very remarkable statements," said the doctor.

"There are certainly monsters enough in it," said Melick:—

"Gorgons and hydras and chimeras dire!"

"Well, why not?" said the doctor.

"It seems to me," said Melick, "that the writer of this has peopled his world with creatures that resemble the fossil animals more than anything else."

"The so-called fossil animals," said the doctor, "may not be extinct. There are fossil specimens of animals that still have living representatives. There is no reason why many of those supposed to be extinct may not be alive now. It is well known that many very remarkable animals have become extinct within a comparatively recent period. These great birds, of which More speaks, seem to me to belong to these classes. The dodo was in existence fifty years ago, the moa about a hundred years ago. These great birds, together with others, such as the epiornis and palapteryx, have disappeared—not through the ordinary course of nature, but by the hand of man. Even in our hemisphere they may yet be found. Who can tell but that the moa or the dodo may yet be lurking somewhere in the interior of Madagascar, of Borneo, or of Papua?"

"Can you make out anything about those great birds?" asked Featherstone. "Do they resemble anything that exists now, or has ever existed?"

"Well, yes, I think so," said the doctor. "Unfortunately, More is not at all close or accurate in his descriptions: he has a decidedly unscientific mind, and so one cannot feel sure; yet from his general statements I think I can decide pretty nearly upon the nature and the scientific name of each one of his birds and animals. It is quite evident to me that most of these animals belong to races that no longer exist among us, and that this world at the South Pole has many characteristics which are like those of what is known as the Coal Period. I allude in particular to the vast forests of fern, of gigantic grasses and reeds. At the same time, the general climate and the atmosphere seem like what we may find in the Tropics at present. It is evident that in More's world various epochs are represented, and that animals of different ages are living side by side."

"What do you think of the opkuk?" asked Featherstone, with a yawn.

"Well; I hardly know."

"Why, it must be a dodo, of course," said Melick; "only magnified."

"That," said the doctor, gravely, "is a thought that naturally suggests itself; but then the opkuk is certainly far larger than the dodo."

"Oh! More put on his magnifying glasses just then."

"The dodo," continued the doctor, taking no notice of this, "in other respects corresponds with More's description of the opkuk. Clusius and Bontius give good descriptions, and there is a well-known picture of one in the British Museum. It is a massive, clumsy bird, ungraceful in its form, with heavy movements, wings too short for flight, little or no tail, and down rather than feathers. The body, according to Bontius, is as big as that of the African ostrich, but the legs are very short. It has a large head, great black eyes, long bluish-white bill, ending in a beak like that of a vulture; yellow legs, thick and short; four toes on each foot, solid, long, and armed with sharp black claws. The flesh, particularly on the breast, is fat and esculent. Now, all this corresponds with More's account, except as to the size of the two, for the opkuks are as large as oxen."

"Oh, that's nothing," said Melick; "I'm determined to stand up for the dodo." With this he burst forth singing—

"Oh, the dodo once lived, but he doesn't live now,
Yet why should a cloud overshadow our brow?
The loss of that bird ne'er should trouble our brains,
For though he is gone, still our claret remains.
Sing do-do—jolly do-do!
Hurrah! in his name let our cups overflow.

As for your definition, doctor," continued Melick, "I'll give you one worth a dozen of yours:—

'Twas a mighty bird: those strong, short legs were never known to fail,
And he felt a glow of pride while thinking of that little tail;
And his beak was marked with vigour, curving like a wondrous hook;
Thick and ugly was his body—such a form as made one look!"

"Melick," said Featherstone, "you're a volatile youth. You mustn't mind him, doctor; he's a professional cynic, sceptic, and scoffer. Oxenden and I, however, are open to conviction, and want to know more about those birds and beasts. Can you make anything out of the opmahera?"

(To be continued.)

MR. CHARLES DARLING, M.P.

As we gave on Feb. 18 a likeness of Mr. Wilfrid Blunt, so we now publish a portrait of his successful opponent, Mr. Charles Darling, who was on Feb. 29 chosen M.P. for Deptford in succession to Mr. Evelyn by a majority of 275 votes (4345 against 4070) over Mr. Blunt. The election was one of the most exciting of recent times; the battle of Home Rule for Ireland having been fought with the greatest liveliness and spirit, not to put too fine a point on it. The fervent advocate of the Irish Nationalist cause, though defeated, was not disgraced, as will be seen by the result of the ballot. The contest won, Mr. Darling made a speech wholly admirable in its tone, frankly avowing himself the representative now of *all* the Deptford Constituency.

Englishmen like pluck. And Mr. Darling had undauntedly made three plucky endeavours to enter Parliament before he succeeded. Thus, in conjunction with his friend, the present Sir Stafford Northcote, he courted the suffrages of Exeter before that city lost one of its seats. His two tough fights in 1885-86 for South Hackney as the Conservative champion against Sir Charles Russell will be remembered. In the latter keen struggle he was defeated by 100 votes only. That Mr. Darling won the respect of Sir Charles Russell was evident on the afternoon that the hon. and learned member for Deptford took his seat in the House of Commons, to the vociferous delight of the Conservatives, who made the rafters ring with their cheers. Sir Charles Russell left the front Opposition bench to engage in a friendly conversation with Mr. Darling prior to his taking the oath.

Mr. Charles John Darling's great abilities and forensic talents should soon win for him Parliamentary renown. He is a decided acquisition to the House. Eldest son of the late Mr. Charles Darling, of Langham Hall, Essex, Mr. Charles J. Darling was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1874, and joined the Oxford Circuit. He had the honour of being appointed Queen's Counsel in November, 1885. His peculiar style of neat humour and satire may be gauged in his smart and clever little book, "Scintillæ Juris," in "Meditations in the Tea-room," and has also given point to many articles and verses in the *St. James's Gazette*. We may add that Mr. Darling married in September, 1885, Mary Caroline, eldest daughter of Major-General Wilberforce Greathed, C.B., and granddaughter of Mr. Archer Clive, who wrote "Paul Ferrol" and other works. So that he is "Somebody's Darling" as well as the Darling of Deptford.

Cadbury's Cocoa is deservedly held in such high favour in British households that we gladly correct the report that the late James Cadbury was connected with the firm of Messrs. Cadbury Brothers, of Bournville, Birmingham, the well-known cocoa manufacturers. The statement was without foundation.

Seasonable Spring Gift.—With the first sunshine of Spring timely comes a present of seeds for the flower-garden. Messrs. Daniels Brothers, of Norwich, send out a "Cottager's Packet" which not only contains twelve varieties of excellent flower seeds, but each packet of seeds bears a label representing the flower of the seed which the packet contains. The "Cottager's Packet" is sent post-free for fourteen stamps, with a "Miniature Seed List."

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To Students.—To all those who burn the "Midnight Oil," engaged in mental labour, we would recommend Cadbury's Cocoa; its comforting, exhilarating, and sustaining powers are extraordinary. Beware of imitations.—[Advt.]

The Playgoer.

When I read that charming Mary Anderson was prevented by a cold from performing at the Lyceum on Monday night, I feared, in common, no doubtless, with many theatre-goers, that this fascinating American's visit to Oxford had resulted in a serious chill. Our fears were removed on Tuesday, when the most captivating of Hermiones and Perditas delighted her admirers by reappearing in "The Winter's Tale" at the Lyceum, where the 150th performance—a big run, indeed—of Shakspeare's play was celebrated by the presentation to Miss Anderson (at the apt instigation of Mr. C. J. Abud) of a golden wreath, subscribed for by the company. Be in time, be in time for Mr. Augustus Harris's grandest pantomimic triumph at Drury-Lane: for the last nights and final afternoons of "Puss in Boots" are announced. Charley Lauri the Younger, the inimitable Puss of Old Drury, looked very much worn when I chanced to see him in his smart pony-trap in company with Mr. D'Auban (in ditto, ditto) on Sunday. But his vivid feline gambols on the stage show no diminution of spirit. Mr. Harry Nicholls and Mr. Herbert Campbell, too, zestfully continue to indicate how our favourite Prince and Princess might most splendidly commemorate their Silver Wedding. In fine, the exquisite good taste and magnificence of Mr. 'Gus Harris's spectacular triumphs give ample promise of the grandest of Italian Opera seasons at Covent-Garden this year. With respect to melodrama, Messrs. A. and S. Gatti still "take the cake" with "The Bells of Haslemere" of Mr. Henry Pettitt and Mr. Sydney Grundy, who are said to have hit upon the name of "Union Jack" for their new Adelphi piece. Too much like "The Harbour Lights"! Managers and authors are, meantime, lucky to have the two chief parts in "The Bells of Haslemere" filled by two such accomplished and popular artists as Mr. William Terriss and Miss Millward, who are, in their turn, fortunate to receive such handsome salaries as they do at the Adelphi, where the Haslemere bells pealed out the 200th performance on Thursday night. "The Don," "Joseph's Sweetheart," and "Christina" came too late in the week to be noticed in the present Number.

Madame Julia Gaylord's commencement of her career as an actress has already been noticed. The late American prima donna of the Carl Rosa Opera Company made so favourable an impression in the new play of "Lily" at the Leicester Opera House that a good judge says Madame Gaylord (Mrs. F. C. Packard) promises to be quite as successful in comedy and drama as she was on the lyric stage. No one who saw the talented lady in "Mignon" will be surprised to learn this. Madame Gaylord in "Lily" sang to perfection the song of "Memories," written expressly for her by Mr. A. Goring Thomas. Speaking of this sweet cantatrice, I am reminded that the favourite prima donna of the Carl Rosa troupe, Madame Marie Rose Mapleson, has been delighted with the gift of a testimonial from her admirers. It was gracefully presented to Marie Roze at the Liverpool Grand Hotel by Lord Lathom; and Mr. E. R. Russell cordially joined in the chorus of praise, which the lyric queen beamingly acknowledged. Another fair artist of mark, Mrs. Florence Marryat, has started well on tour in her son Frank's new romantic drama, "The Golden Goblin," in which the popular novelist picturesquely enacts the part of Bess Carey, a Smuggler Queen. "The Golden Goblin" is a romantic drama of the Cornish coast.

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Chat of the London Gossips.

["What the *World* says."]

Lord and Lady Cranbrook will celebrate their golden wedding on the 29th inst.

Those who have recently been honoured with "commands" to dine and sleep at Windsor have noticed the beneficial effects of the recent spell of cold weather on her Majesty's health and spirits. Never was the Queen so well and strong as she is at present, and she has made sufficient progress in Hindustani to hold short conversations with Muhomed Bakhs and Abdul Kareem, who, with the Imperial crown and cipher emblazoned on their Indian *chaplans*, always stand behind the Royal chair.

Lord Salisbury was the most sensible man at the last Drawingroom. Wisely deeming silk stockings to be out of place on such a wintry day, he appeared in the Trinity House uniform, which involves the wearing of trousers.

A very large Drawingroom is anticipated on Friday, unless the weather should be prohibitive. The Queen will entertain the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal family, at dinner in the evening.

The Queen is to arrive at Florence on Friday, the 23rd, about nine in the morning, the Royal train proceeding direct from Cherbourg, by the Mont Cenis route, to Genoa, and thence by Spezzia and Pisa. Her Majesty intends to reside at Florence till the afternoon of Monday, April 16.

The Queen is to be accompanied to Italy by only a very small suite, consisting, according to present arrangements, of the Dowager Lady Ely, the Dowager Lady Churchill, Lord Bridport, Sir Henry Ponsonby, and Major Bigge. The number of servants is to be as limited as possible. All the travelling plans are in charge of Herr Kanne, her Majesty's courier.

The Prince of Wales paid another brief visit to Sir Frederick Johnstone at Monte Carlo last Wednesday week, and stayed the night at his beautiful Villa du Nid. On the Thursday his Royal Highness proceeded to La Mortola, the residence of Mr. Thomas Hanbury (which forms such a prominent object on the high ground between Mentone and Ventimiglia, overlooking the Mediterranean), and lunched there with the Crown Princess of Germany and other members of the Imperial family, who drove over from San Remo.

The lovely grounds around La Mortola almost rival those of the Villa Pallavicini at Pegli, near Genoa, and enjoy much distinction as one of the show-places of the Riviera. In the evening the Prince of Wales returned to Cannes, and left for England on the Friday, amidst glorious sunshine and balmy spring weather.

The Prince of Wales paid several visits to Anfossi's well-known shop during his stay at San Remo, and made numerous purchases. Luigi Anfossi is the celebrated manufacturer of mosaics in wood, and the beautiful inlaid table which Herr Kanne presented to the Queen as a Jubilee gift was his work.

The Silver Wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales is to be celebrated by a State banquet in St. George's Hall, at Windsor Castle, to which Royalties, diplomatists, Ministers, and a few unattached notables will be invited.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Denmark will probably remain in England for a month, passing Easter at Sandringham, and they are to be the guests of the Queen at Windsor Castle.

The Crown Princess of Denmark, who was the only child of the late King of Sweden, was one of the greatest heiresses in Europe, as she inherited the vast fortune of her mother, the Princess Louise of the Netherlands.

The King and Queen of Denmark are unable to come to England for the Silver Wedding festivities, as his Majesty is kept at home by public business, and Queen Louise is not well enough to undertake so long a journey in such severe weather.

The ladies who have subscribed to present the Princess of Wales with a Silver Wedding present are invited to attend at Marlborough House on Saturday morning, when "Lady A." and Lady Salisbury will formally bear her Royal Highness's acceptance of a magnificent tiara of diamonds, which has been already purchased.

The Comptroller of the Prince of Wales's Household has issued invitations "by command" to a dance at Marlborough House on Monday next, "to celebrate their Royal Highnesses' Silver Wedding." The party will be one of the largest ever given at Marlborough House.

The deer-forest of Auchnasheen and Achanalt, generally known as Loch Rosque, has been sold for the sum of £25,000.

Prince George of Wales is to remain in England for several weeks, and it is probable that, on his return to Malta after the Silver Wedding festivities, he will be appointed to the Alexandra.

Sir John Lubbock has taken Lord Downe's house in Berkeley-square for five months.

The suicide of Prince Hugo of Hohenlohe-Oehringen at St. Petersburg is attributed to heavy losses at play. The Prince was second secretary to the German Embassy.

A splendid ball was given at St. Petersburg last week by Prince Emmanuel Narischkin, at which the Emperor and Empress and a constellation of Grand Dukes and Grand Duchesses (the latter blazing with jewels) were present. Her Majesty wore crimson and gold, embroidered with silver, and her train was thickly bordered with ermine. She wore a diamond tiara, and a superb necklace of diamonds and sapphires.

The Duke of Rutland, who died on Sunday, had long been a martyr to the gout, and required the constant attention of his medical men, of whom Sir Prescott Hewett has for many years been the chief and most confidential, to avert the fate which has now overtaken him.

Besides Belvoir Castle, so renowned in song and history, the glory of the Midlands, he owned the famous Hall at Haddon, a fine-shooting-box, Longshawe, near Sheffield; and Cheveley Park, near Newmarket, with some seventy thousand acres of land, and a rent-roll, in ordinarily good times, of about one hundred thousand a year. A Garter and the Lord-Lieutenancy of Leicestershire fall to the disposal of Lord Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Manners, now Marquis and Marchioness of Granby, have long been recognised among the most popular members of English society. As Miss Violet Lindsay, the new Marchioness was renowned for her beauty.

Miss Mary Anderson was the guest of Professor Max Müller at Oxford from Saturday till Monday.

Colonel Cody will, it is said, try his luck at Islington before going back to America.

[" *Truth* to Tell."]

Madame Schumann is the first of the season's lions.

Her Majesty intends to hold one investiture at Windsor before she starts for Italy, of the Orders of the Bath, St. Michael and St. George, and the Star of India.

It was observed that at the first Drawingroom this year the Queen wore the Order of St. Catherine of Russia, which she rarely displays, but which is always worn on State occasions by the Princess of Wales, and her Majesty also wore the Louise of Prussia and seven other Orders, while the Princess of Wales and her daughters and the Duchess of Albany displayed the Jubilee medal, the wearing of which by those who have received it is to be *de rigueur* on such occasions.

English is the fireside tongue of the Greek, Danish, and Russian Royal and Imperial families.

Marlborough House is being fitted with the electric light.

Madame Carnot scored another success at the Presidential ball.

H.R.H. will be the guest of Lord Sefton at Croxteth, from the 21st till the 24th, for Liverpool races.

I hear from Malta that the Governor's fancy ball at the Palace there was a gorgeous affair. Princess Louise attended the fancy dress masked ball given by members of the Maltese Club, which was a most lively frisk.

A pretty woman at the Salon (writes that smart and witching little epicure, "Madge") was in black, with a deep white collar suggestive of "Priscilla, the Puritan Maiden." A fair girl wore a dress of unmistakably Parisian cut. It was as original as it was becoming. The colours were mignonette and white, a wide collar in white silk being turned back like a sort of revers from the opening of the dress.

[" Talk of the *Hawk*."]

When King Humbert of Italy comes to London, in June, to inspect the Macaroneries Exhibition, he will be accompanied by Menotti and Ricciotti, the sons of Garibaldi.

According to an authority on such matters, the shape of Miss Ebba Munck's ears shows great generosity, while her jaw, being somewhat heavy, proves that she has got a will of her own, which fact is not very promising for Prince Oscar.

It is said that General Boulanger has a daughter who, not long ago, fell in love with a handsome young fellow. The General, however, took a dislike to him, and sternly forbade the marriage. Mdlle. Boulanger is believed thereupon to have retired to a Carmelite Convent, where she still remains.

A number of letters that were written to Miss M. Gordon by her brother, General Gordon, are shortly to be published.

ST. BERNARD BURIED IN SNOW.

A Reuter's telegram from Geneva states that two avalanches have fallen on the famous Hospice of St. Bernard. The church has been almost entirely buried in snow. No loss of life is reported.

The Hospice of St. Bernard, in the Pennine Alps, is situated at the summit of the Great St. Bernard Pass from Switzerland into Italy. It is said to be the highest inhabited building in Europe, the exact elevation above sea-level being 8120 feet. It stands on the edge of a small lake, which for nine months of the year is frozen. The Hospice owes its existence to Bernard De Menthon, a nobleman of Savoy, who erected it in the year 962 for the assistance of pilgrims journeying from the northern countries of Europe to Rome. About twenty Augustinian monks now live there, spending their time in lodging and attending to visitors, in religious services, the supplying of their own wants, and the rescue of wayfarers lost in the snow. Travellers of all nationalities who visit the Hospice are boarded and lodged gratuitously, but are expected to deposit the cost of their entertainment in the poor-box on leaving. The St. Bernard dogs, who assist the brethren to find and extricate travellers buried in the snow, are famous all over the world, although the original breed is said to be extinct.

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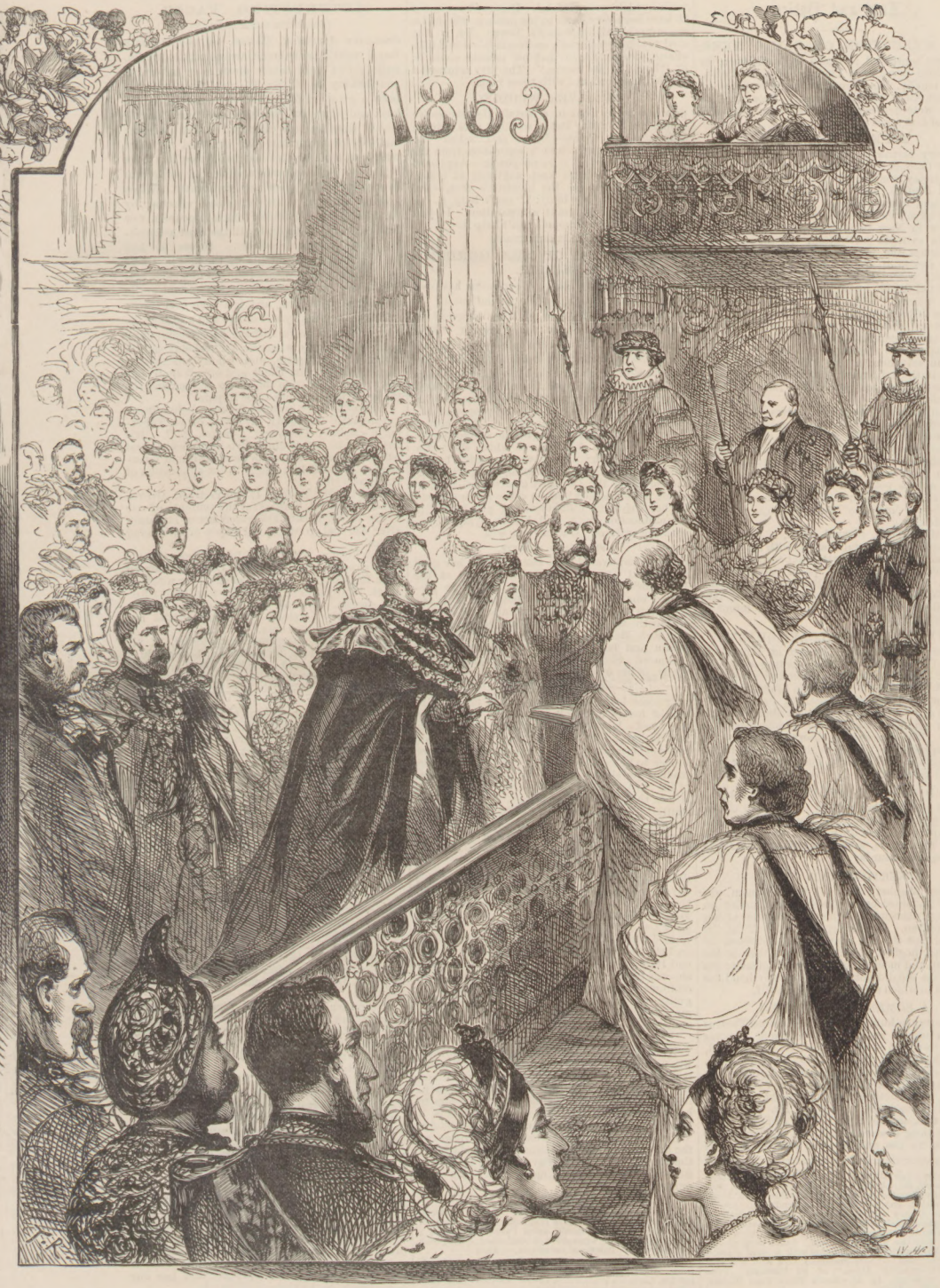

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Law and Police.

THE EXECUTION OF DAVID REES,

who was sentenced to death at Carmarthen for the wilful murder of Thomas Davis at Dafen, near Llanelly, has been fixed to take place on the 14th inst. at Carmarthen. Rees and his victim were portrayed in *The Penny Illustrated Paper* of last week.

LIFE IN LONDON.

A very sorrowful tragedy! Mr. Troutbeck, deputy Coroner for Westminster, held an inquest on Monday concerning the death of Joseph Alfred Profaze, aged thirty-eight, whose body was found in the Thames. Evidence was given to the effect that the deceased was formerly a jeweller in New Bond-street, but had of late been in extreme destitution. By the advice of the Coroner, the jury returned an open verdict. In the course of the inquiry it was stated that Profaze's wife, on learning of his sad death, committed suicide by taking poison.

The recent "high life" scandal reached Clerkenwell on Monday. In charging the Grand Jury at the Middlesex Sessions, Mr. Edlin, the acute and assiduous Assistant-Judge, said that the depositions disclosed sufficient to justify them in returning a true bill upon the graver counts in the indictment against Major Borrowes for assaulting and wounding Lord Howard De Walden.

Warnings for "nagging" wives and brutal husbands! James White, a shoemaker, accused of murdering his wife at Chelsea on Saturday evening, was brought before the Magistrate at Westminster. According to his statement, the woman came home drunk, and he beat her to death with a poker because she was obstinate. The evidence of a constable tended to show that the prisoner had also been drinking. He was remanded.

At Marylebone, Samuel Allen, a messenger, was committed for trial charged with attempting to murder his wife by cutting her throat.

Sentence of five years' penal servitude was passed at the Middlesex Sessions on Monday upon Walter Renouf, a tailor, for breaking into a Wesleyan chapel at Finchley with intent to commit a felony.

"'TWAS IN TRAFALGAR-SQUARE."

Robert Harding was charged at Bow-street Police-Court on Monday with creating a disturbance in Trafalgar-square on Sunday afternoon. He was found with a large chain round his body, attempting to padlock himself to a seat, and he carried a board on which was inscribed a strange protest against excluding the public from the square. The Magistrate, observing that it was not surprising the police should have thought the defendant out of his mind, bound him over to be of good behaviour.

LORD COLIN CAMPBELL'S APPEAL

against the decision of the Bankruptcy Court, refusing him a certificate on the ground that his bankruptcy had been the result of misconduct and not of misfortune, was dismissed by the Lords Justices last Saturday.

DESERTION AND CRIME.

Emma Elizabeth Aston, a single woman, was further examined before the Stratford Justices on Saturday, charged with the wilful murder of her two children. It was urged on behalf of the accused that she had been greatly distressed by the cruel neglect of the runaway father of the children, and medical testimony was given to the effect that she did not appear to comprehend the position in which she had placed herself.

A SOMER'S TOWN HERO.

A martyr in humble life! Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest last Saturday at the St. Pancras Coroner's Court on the body of William Stovell, aged thirty-five years, of 26, Chapel-grove, Somer's Town. He was a coal porter, and although suffering from pneumonia and other lung complaints, to maintain himself and aged mother he worked beyond his strength. Dr. McFarline stated that deceased had been suffering from chronic lung disease. This was accelerated by exposure to the cold weather and too arduous work, which proved fatal. Deceased appeared to have been very kind to his mother, who had a watercress stall in Somer's Town. He, in the cold weather—especially on Sundays—would take charge of the stall, so that his mother could be at "home in the warm." The jury returned a verdict in accordance with these facts.

NO SILVER WEDDING

promises to be kept in a certain Hammersmith home. On Saturday last, a working man entered Hammersmith Police-Court and asked the Magistrate to grant him a separation from his wife.—Mr. Paget: I have no power.—Applicant (continuing): I can't keep anything at home. Shoes are taken off the children's feet.—Mr. Paget (interrupting him): I can't help it. I have no power to grant a separation. If you choose to marry a woman I can't help it.

ADVENTURES OF MRS. GORDON BAILLIE.

Beware of a pretty face! A sensation has been caused at Edinburgh by the revelations in the columns of the *Scotsman* of the doings of an adventuress who, under the name of "Mrs. Gordon Baillie," has been presenting herself before the public as "the crofters' friend." She went to Edinburgh on Feb. 14 to plead the cause of the crofters, and especially of the two Clashmore women who were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. She had also to propound her great scheme for the solution of the crofter difficulty by the emigration of the surplus population to lands in Australia of which she is the proprietress. Her advent was heralded by the publication of an interview with, and portrait of, the heroine in the *Pall Mall Gazette* (the editor of which has explained how he came to be duped). On her arrival in Edinburgh she put herself in communication with well-known sympathisers with the crofters. One of these was

PROFESSOR BLACKIE,

who was captivated with her manners, her good sense, and her earnestness. She dined at the Professor's house one evening, and there presented him with a handsome bouquet, value one sovereign—not yet paid. She also visited Lady Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. Duncan M'Laren, Mr. Murdoch McLeod, and others. She visited the prison and had an interview with the female prisoners. She told her friends here that she was really, in her own right,

COUNTESS OF MORAY,

only some little irregularity in the marriage of one of her ancestors kept her out of her title. She hired a handsome equipage for her use while in Edinburgh, the costs of which, it seems, has not yet been met. She ordered a handsome brooch to be manufactured for her by one of the leading jewellers. It was to embody the crest of the "Gordon Baillie" family. The brooch is still in the hands of the makers. "Mrs. Gordon Baillie" left Edinburgh rather suddenly on the evening of Sunday, Feb. 19, in a third-class carriage, explaining, however, that she would change to another at Carstairs.

THE EDINBURGH POLICE

declare that they have traced the history of this adventuress back for many years. Before 1869, they say, she was an evening teacher in the Model Lodging-house at Dundee, where she was known as Mary Ann Bruce Sutherland. She then resided with her mother, who was a washerwoman. In 1869 she left Dundee, and travelled in France and Italy. In 1872, having returned to Dundee, she was tried before a jury in the Sheriff's court on numerous charges of fraud, and, being found guilty, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. Soon after her discharge she changed her name to

ANNIE OGILVIE BRUCE.

When she was about to be married, in 1878, it was proved that she had been married in November, 1876, to Thomas White, who appeared on the stage under the name of Knight-Asten. Attractive as this remarkable woman appears to be to susceptible men, Mrs. Gordon Baillie is, it is said, unable to write, and employs a secretary. When at Broadstairs her letters were written by the governess. She has visited several places on the South Coast—Herne Bay, the Isle of Wight, &c.—where her captivating qualities are well remembered.

A Specific for Bilious Attacks, Gouty, or Rheumatic Poisons, &c.—A Gentleman writes:—"Dec. 27, 1887. After twelve months' experience of the value of the 'Vegetable Moto' I unhesitatingly recommend their use in preference to any other medicine, more particularly in bilious attacks; their action is so gentle, and yet so effective, that nothing equals them in my opinion. They have never failed to give the wished-for relief. I take them at any hour, and frequently in conjunction with a small glass of Eno's 'Fruit Salt.'—Yours gratefully, One who Knows." Eno's "Vegetable Moto," of all Chemists. Price 1s. 1½d.; post-free, 1s. 3d.—Eno's Fruit Salt Works, London, S.E.—[Advt.]

Railway Servants.—Signalmen, Engine-Drivers, Porters, and others, who have frequently long intervals of work between meals, should drink Cadbury's Cocoa, a sustaining beverage, agreeable and comforting, during long spells of work. Beware of imitations.—[Advt.]

Anyone suffering with colds, sore throat, coughs, asthma, consumption, or any chest complaints, should never be without Dr. Locock's Pulmonic Wafers. They give immediate relief and a rapid cure. Sold by all Druggists.—[Advt.]

INTERESTING FACTS.

(*From "The Dublin Express."*)

Sergeant Jeremiah Maher, of the Ardcath Royal Irish Constabulary, Garristown, Co. Dublin, writes:—"I have much pleasure in informing you that my friend, Mr. Thomas Hand, who has been a great sufferer from rheumatism in the back and joints for the last four years, during which time he has employed many different methods of treatment, but obtained no relief whatever, and for the last two years has been unable to walk without a stick and sometimes two sticks, and in great pain constantly. When hearing of the wonderful cures effected by St. Jacobs Oil, I induced him to procure a few bottles, which he applied with the most astonishing and marvellous effects. Before he had finished using the contents of the first bottle he could walk readily without the aid of a stick, and after a few applications from the second bottle he was free from pain, and has been ever since; and, although fifty years of age and a farmer, he can walk and work without experiencing any pain or difficulty whatever. This being such a remarkable, complete, and wholly unexpected cure, my friend Mr. Hand and myself shall consider it our duty from this on to recommend the Oil to anyone we know to be in pain."

"I feel so truly grateful I cannot help returning thanks," writes Mr. M. Price, of 14, Tabernacle-square, Finsbury, London, E.C. His wrist that he had strained two years before, and which had given him pain almost without intermission, yielded like magic to the application of St. Jacobs Oil.

Mrs. G. M. Young, 1, Sully-street, Grove-street, Liverpool, writes that the contents of one bottle of St. Jacobs Oil cured her of lumbago, after she had given up all hopes of ever being better.

Mrs. Polsom, wife of Mr. John Polsom, Gray's Inn-passage, Bedford-row, London, suffered from the effects of a sprained ankle for nineteen years. Many different remedies were tried without success. On applying St. Jacobs Oil, pain vanished, the swelling was reduced, and her ankle is as strong as ever.

Mr. J. Clark, carpenter and joiner, of 21, South Island-place, Brixton-road, London, in a recent interview, said: "I have for a long time been a sufferer from lumbago and sciatica. On the last attack, which was very severe, I applied St. Jacobs Oil, and, although I was not able to rise from a sitting position without the aid of a chair before using the Oil, I was able to stand and walk in one hour after the application. I went to my work the next day, and have not been troubled with pain since."

Mr. Thomas O'Connor, of Beale, County Kerry, Ireland, says: "Before I began using St. Jacobs Oil my knee was twice its natural size; very stiff and painful, and I was unable to walk or stand. The first application of this famous Oil removed all pain, and, continuing its use one week, the swelling disappeared entirely, and I can walk as well as ever."

Sister Carolina, St. Andrew's Hospital, Clewer, Windsor, writes: "I take this opportunity of stating that I have found St. Jacobs Oil a most efficacious remedy in gout; also in sprains and bruises. Indeed we cannot say too much in its praise, and our doctor is ordering it constantly."

Mr. George Greenfield, of Billinghurst, Sussex, was afflicted with rheumatism in its worst form for thirteen years. After using St. Jacobs Oil all pain left him entirely, and he was restored to health.

The father of Mr. Daniel Lineham, Mallow, County Cork, Ireland, suffered from rheumatism, and was unable to find relief for six years. From one application of St. Jacobs Oil he received marked benefit, and in a week all pain left him and he was cured.

Mr. W. Mitchell, The Vale, Kirby Bedon, Trouse, near Norwich, says: "St. Jacobs Oil has wrought wonderful cures among my men, who suffered from rheumatism and neuralgia. One man, who was hardly able to move in bed from a lame back, was instantaneously relieved and cured in a single night. My wife also had rheumatic pains removed by it."

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Sport.

COMING EVENTS.

THERE was an excellent attendance on Monday at the chief City resort, and a fair amount of business transpired. As regards the Lincolnshire Handicap, Oberon declined to 100 to 9, but Harpenden travelled well, and was backed at 100 to 7. Prices:—

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP. (*Run March 21.*)

100 to 9 agst Oberon (t)	25 to 1 agst Mamia (t & o)
100 to 7 — Harpenden (t)	25 to 1 — Cataract (t & o)
100 to 6 — Lady Muncaster (t & o)	25 to 1 — Ashplant (t & o)
20 to 1 — Friday (t)	50 to 1 — Fulmen (t)
20 to 1 — Tommy Tittlemouse (t)	50 to 1 — Assiduity (t)
25 to 1 — Veracity (t & o)	50 to 1 — Dutiful (t)
	66 to 1 — Prudence (t)

GRAND NATIONAL. (*Run March 22.*)

10 to 1 agst Ballot-Box (t & o)	20 to 1 agst Jeannie (t & o)
10 to 1 — Chancellor (t)	25 to 1 — The Sinner (t)
20 to 1 — Magic (t & o)	50 to 1 — Johnny Longtail (t)
20 to 1 — Cenci (t)	

DERBY. (*Run May 30.*)

2 to 1 agst Friars Balsam (t & o)	10 to 1 agst Ossory (t & w)
100 to 1 — Orlock (w)	100 to 1 — Whitney (t)

WATERLOO CUP.

After long delays it was found practicable last Saturday to commence the Waterloo Cup Coursing Meeting, near Liverpool. It was a very near thing, however, inasmuch as early on Saturday the frost returned; but fortunately a bright sun soon made the Altear Flats good going. Herschel experienced his first overthrow on Monday when defeated by Burnaby in the fourth round of the Waterloo Cup he having up to that time won twenty-five courses. The Climber went down before Dingwall in the same round, this pair also having to be sent to the slips a second time before the issue could be decided.

On Tuesday, the deciding course was awaited with no little excitement. For this 6 to 5 was betted on Burnaby, who succeeded in well leading "the Duke," and won a beautiful trial in a style which elicited tremendous cheering, the kill, in the very mouth of the sough, being a remarkably clever one. Winfarthing ran through the Plate in grand form, whilst, as anticipated, Miss Glendyne beat all comers in the Purse.

KEMPTON PARK,

to the delight of frozen-out bookmakers, took up the running on Tuesday.

THE PRINCE'S MAGIC.

After their indifferent display in the Stewards' Steeplechase (won by Captain Workman's Brave), at Kempton Park, Magic, Dalesman, and Kinfauns came in for rough treatment in the Grand National market. On the first flush of the defeat of the Prince of Wales's gelding 40 to 1 was betted against him, but subsequently he would have been freely supported had 25 to 1 been forthcoming. Against Dalesman and Kinfauns 50 to 1 was on offer.

BOXING AT THE PELICAN.

A grand competition, under Queensberry rules, was concluded at the Pelican Club on Monday last. G. Russell, of Marylebone, beat Ching Ghook in the final bout with the gloves.

J. L. SULLIVAN AND C. MITCHELL

advertise that their fighting colours are to be had respectively of the *Sportsman* and *Sporting Life* publishers. Odds are Lombard-street to a Chiney orange on Sullivan.

A PRIZE-FIGHT,

under Queensberry rules, was decided at Consett last Saturday for £30 between Patrick M'Loon, of Dipton, and Jack Wilson, of Sacriston. Wilson was declared the victor.

BURNABY, WINNER OF THE WATERLOO CUP,

was bought at the end of last season out of a Selling Stake at Haydock Park, for 30 guineas.

A DOG SHOW

will be held on March 9, 10, and 12, at the People's Palace, in the Mile End-road, in which her Majesty and the Prince of Wales laudably take a great interest. "Muscular Christianity," as well as technical teaching, will be found to the fore there.

DR. QUENTIN HOGG

carries on the same sensible game at the Polytechnic, where athletics and "larnin" go to make up healthy constitutions.

WHAT'S THE ODDS?

Odds of 9 to 4 were on Tuesday asked for about Oxford for the University Boat Race, 2 to 1 being now the best offer on the Light Blues.

UNIVERSITY BOAT-RACE.

Regular practice on the Thames at Putney was commenced by the rival blues on Monday, and fortunately the weather proved favourable. At a few minutes past nine o'clock the Dark Blues embarked, Mr. B. Horton coaching in the absence of Mr. T. C. Edwardes Moss, and went up river at a steady paddle. The men kept well together during the journey, and for a first time on tidal waters the trial was considered satisfactory, the time for the journey from Mortlake to Putney Bridge being 21 min. 15 sec. But the Cambridge crew and their style were deservedly admired the more.

O. AND C. SPORTS.

The first day of the University handicaps at Cambridge on Monday was noticeable for the fine performance of Kelly and the popular win of De Haviland in the mile.

Oxford University Sports commenced the same day in settled weather. The principal features were the good running of Le Maitre, who won the quarter-mile with great ease in 51 sec., and the victory of W. Pollock-Hill in the mile, in which, amongst others, he easily defeated P. J. K. Cross and H. A. Munro.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

The match between Mr. Vernon's Eleven and the Australian team who are coming to England this season was concluded at Melbourne on Monday. The Englishmen's second innings closed for the comparatively small total of 117. The Australians' second innings produced only a total of 32. Victory thus rested with the Englishmen.

THE SIX-DAYS' WALKING-MATCH

between J. Scott, Australian champion, and W. Howes, of England, was concluded last Saturday at the Westminster Aquarium. The result was an easy victory for Scott, who covered 620 miles 5 laps to Howes' 593 miles 2 laps.

MORE AQUARIUM PEDESTRIANISM.

Last Saturday night the pedestrian competitions which had been in progress at the Westminster Aquarium last week were brought to a close with the decision of the final heats of the Two-Hours and the Three-Hours Walking Handicaps. In the former seven eight competitors took part, with the result that H. Munroe (3 laps' start) won by a lap from J. Blake (12 laps' start). The distance walked by the winner, exclusive of his start, was 13 miles 9 laps. The Three-Hours Walking Handicap resulted as follows:—W. Martin (9½ laps' start), distance 19 miles 9 laps, 1; W. Griffin (4 laps), 19 miles 8laps, 2. Mr. David De Pinna is keen to keep the game alive at the Aquarium, his spirited and judicious management of which has now led to the declaration of a fair dividend.

WALLACE ROSS,

who recently defeated George Bubear on the Thames, sailed from Queenstown on Sunday for New York. He will return in five weeks to row Carr, of Newcastle.

MR. BLACKBURNE'S LAST.

At Bristol, last Saturday night, Mr. J. H. Blackburne, English champion chess-player, signalised the close of the Chess Congress by playing thirty-seven games simultaneously. Of these he lost only two, one of them being to Mr. W. G. Grace, jun., a son of the celebrated cricketer. Mr. Blackburne won twenty-nine games and drew six. Out of the thirty-seven, six were consultation games.

THE CELEBRATED CUTTER THISTLE,

the unsuccessful competitor last autumn with the Volunteer yacht for the America cup, has been sold by Mr. Bell to Mr. Coats, jun., of Paisley, owner of the Marjorie.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

took place last Saturday, on the Manchester race-course, eight clubs competing. The Birchfield Harriers were returned the winners with 73 points. Salford finished second, with 77; Worcester third, with 117; and the South London Harriers fourth, with 129 points. E. W. Parry (Salford H.) was the first man home.

NORTH OF THE THAMES RACE.

The cross-country clubs north of the Thames had a good meeting, last Saturday, at Wood-green, nearly 180 competitors (representing fifteen clubs) taking part therein. W. Howell, of the Westbourne Athletic Club, was the first man home after some splendid running—his time for the distance (seven miles) being 47 min. 17 1-5 sec. The St. Paul's Harriers were declared the winners by three points only, with a score of 111 points; the Westbourne Athletic Club being placed second, with 114 points; and the Cavendish third, with 134.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL-MATCH

between Ireland and Wales, played at Wrexham, on Saturday, under Association rules, ended in a victory for Wales by eleven goals to none. The match at Dublin between the same countries, under Rugby rules, was won by Ireland by two goals and a try to nothing.

LONDON v. GLASGOW.

At Kennington Oval the most important of the Inter-Association matches in which London annually engages was decided last Saturday in the presence of 2000 spectators. The result was a victory for London by three goals to none.

ASTON VILLA v. WEST BROMWICH ALBION.

Immense interest was aroused in the Midlands by the meeting between the above crack clubs at Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham, last Saturday. The match was in the final stage of the Birmingham Challenge Cup, and attracted 14,000 people. Aston Villa won the match and the trophy by three goals to two.

SURREY v. MIDLAND COUNTIES.

The Athletic Ground at Richmond was the scene on Monday of an excellent Rugby Union match between these fifteens. The Midland Counties were left the winners by two goals to one.

THE SIX DAYS' BICYCLE CONTEST,

at Newcastle, last week, was brought to a conclusion on Saturday night, the final scores being as follows:—Battersby, 766 miles, 0 laps; Young, 766 miles, 8 laps; Lamb, 758 miles, 6 laps; Terront, 756 miles, 4 laps; Parkes, 603 miles, 8 laps; and Dubois, 532.

THE HACKNEY HORSE SOCIETY

and the Hunters' Improvement Society have this week held their fourth annual show in the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. The total number of horses entered was 236. The hackney stallion entry was beyond all precedent: 123 as compared with ninety-two last year. The young stock was in great force; the horses of four years old and over were equal to any previous show. The hunter and half-bred mares were more numerous than at last year's display. The Prince of Wales takes a lively interest in this useful society.

BILLIARDS.

The match, in which Peall conceded White 2000 start in 10,000, for £200 a side, was brought to a close at the Hummums Hotel, Covent-garden, last Saturday evening, Peall winning by 160 points.

The 4,500-up match, in which the champion of Scotland conceded Dowland 500 start, was brought to a close at Westminster Aquarium on Saturday. In the evening, Sala was in capital form, and, assisted by breaks of 221 and 131, won by 33 points.

One of the most important engagements in the billiard world this season commenced on Monday afternoon at the Billiard Hall, Argyll-street, when John Roberts, jun., and Mitchell began their match for a stake of £200 a side. The conditions are that Mitchell is allowed to use not more than a hundred spot strokes in a single break, in a game of 12,000 up, while Roberts plays the "all-round" game. The champion in the afternoon and evening made breaks of 177, 286, 132, 122, 230, 175, and 180 (unfinished), to Mitchell's best of 106 and 147. Roberts made his last 1000 in fourteen innings, and was at the close of the play on the first day 1191 points ahead. Game—Roberts, 5000; Mitchell, 3851.

Peall and White commenced another match on Monday at the Westminster Aquarium, the conditions being 15,000 up, all in, White receiving 4000. In the first stage of the game, Peall, with chief breaks of 725 (70 and 157 spots), 101, and 101, scored 1251 to 746. Peall, on resuming, made his unfinished break into 136, and supplemented this with 165 and 101, but White drew away again with 106, 176, and 351. A fine break of 376 (120 spots) by Peall followed, but White, with 274 (92 spots) and 52, wound up with the advantage, the totals when the first day's play ended being—White (in play), 5841; Peall, 2180.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER APRIL 5.—ISAAC WALTON and Co., High-class Clothing Manufacturers, of Newington-causeway, London, will be prepared on April 5 to send, post-free, to every applicant their New Fashion Book (just published), together with a choice range of Spring Suitings, &c., made to measure, from 29s. 6d. upwards.—[ADVT.]

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Love in a Palace! Fact, I assure you! Don't think the Swedish Royal family monopolises genuine love matches. I could, on the eve of *the* Silver Wedding, cite no more conclusive proof, friends, that the course of true love runs smooth even in our own vigilantly-guarded Court than the romantic Love Story of Prince Bonhomme and Princess Sweeteyes; bless 'em!

Ah, be sure there was nothing half so sweet in the adolescent life of Prince Bonhomme (we dub him so by reason of his constant bonhomie) as "Love's Young Dream" when he stole behind the chair of Princess Sweeteyes at Heidelberg and snatched his first kiss! 'Twas a clear case of love at first sight. Fit beginning of what I believe to have been a true union of hearts! Depend upon it, individual and national whist-players have alike cause to rejoice when "Hearts are Trumps"—particularly when they have Thirteen Trumps in hand, as Prince Bonhomme practically had when he was lucky enough to win the sweetest Princess in Christendom for Bride!

Quarter of a Century ago! Can twenty-five years have elapsed since we thronged the streets of London to welcome beaming Prince Bonhomme and his bonnie Bride, fair Princess Alexandra? I can hardly believe it! Yet I admit our Peelers wear helmets instead of

chimney-pot hats; and that the better half of creation contents itself with piquant little bonnets in lieu of the spoon-shaped, and with liliputian dress-improvers (so Madame Myra tells me) in place of the obstructive crinoline skirts of old. I recall the scene of enthusiasm as if it happened but yesterday. Caught in the tumultuous eddy of the living tide that whirled you hither and thither at the Fleet-street corner of Chancery-lane, I remember the breath was nearly squeezed out of me, but just managed to addmy "Hurrah!" to the cheering volley as the sunny and smiling young Prince and Princess flashed by. It seems to me they have been smiling ever since. They 've found out the secret of perennial youth. You and I may get grey and wrinkled. Depressing Want may line the ashen faces of Poverty Bay (London's most dangerous gulf, believe me!) But the genial smiles of Prince Bonhomme and Princess Sweeteyes are as lasting as Mdlle. Twinkle-toes'. What is the Royal elixir? Good Humour! Kind Hearts—"more than coronets"—and unfailing Good Humour!

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Now, be pleased to bear in mind, friends, that, to maintain the high standard of geniality Prince Bonhomme has set himself to observe, plenty of healthy change and recreation in the open air are absolutely necessary for him. Hence his rapid visits to Newmarket, Sandown Park, Kempton Park, Cannes, Hombourg, Copenhagen, Sandringham, and where not? Rivalling the quickest of commercial travellers in his movements, Prince Bonhomme's also the swiftest of quick-change artists. Harlequin couldn't beat him in the celerity with which he exchanges his racing togs for evening dress! No one fonder of the Players than Prince Bonhomme! These spoilt children of Fashion have much to thank Prince Bonhomme and Princess Sweeteyes for. Behold the Royal pair as the British public and players delight to see 'em—in a box at the theatre, together! As at "Partners"!

Heart of Hearts at Marlborough House, I reckon, are Princes Edward and George, Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud! Whilst the Soldier-son and Sailor-son of Prince Bonhomme share his natural bonhomie, the genial young Princesses happily inherit the virtues of Princess Sweet-eyes. Her Gracious Majesty will only need to "shell out" liberally and seasonably at the Silver Wedding to make the Royal children "Hostages to Fortune," indeed; and fortify Prince Bonhomme to "meet the enemy at the gate" (butcher, baker, and candlestick-maker) with the best of weapons—"a little cheque."

Hark! They 're trying a treble bob major "in the merry March air" for the Silver Wedding morn! Glance at one more picture, and I have done. Behold them at home as Prince and Princess Bountiful, kindliest of Masters and Mistresses! Their open-handed benevolence and kindheartedness so widely known—Ladies and Gentlemen—I now need only offer Prince Bonhomme and Princess Sweeteyes our Silver Wedding bouquet of spring flowers, with "Many Happy Returns of the Day!" CODLIN.

REPRIEVE OF A MURDERER.

A communication was received in Nottingham on Tuesday from the Home Secretary, in reply to a memorial signed by 2000 persons praying for the reprieve of William Booth, who was sentenced to death by Baron Pollock, at the recent Nottingham Assizes, for the murder of his infant child. Booth had, just before committing the crime, been married to his third wife, who, after cohabiting with him for one month, ran away. The death sentence is commuted to penal servitude for life.

QUEEN AND GEN. GORDON.

A collection of letters from General Gordon to his sister, Miss M. A. Gordon, is published by Messrs. Macmillan and Co. It is dedicated, by special permission, to the Queen, and her Majesty has been pleased to allow the two letters, written by herself to Miss Gordon after her brother's death, to be printed in the volume:—

"Osborne, Feb. 17, 1885.

"Dear Miss Gordon,—*How* shall I write to you, or how shall I attempt to express *what I feel?* To *think* of your dear, noble, heroic Brother, who served his Country and his Queen so truly, so heroically, with a self-sacrifice so edifying to the World, not having been rescued. That the promises of support were not fulfilled—which I so frequently and constantly pressed on those who asked him to go—is to me *grief inexpressible!* Indeed, it has made me ill! My heart bleeds for you, his Sister, who have gone through so many anxieties on his account, and who loved the dear Brother as he deserved to be. You are all so good and trustful, and have such strong faith, that you will be sustained even now, when *real* absolute evidence of your dear Brother's death does not exist—but I fear there cannot be much doubt of it. Some day I hope to see you again, to tell you all I cannot express. My daughter Beatrice, who has felt quite as I do, wishes me to express her deepest sympathy with you. I hear so many expressions of sorrow and sympathy from *abroad:* from my eldest daughter, the Crown Princess, and from my Cousin, the King of the Belgians—the very warmest. Would you express to your other Sisters and your elder Brother my true sympathy, and what I do so keenly feel, the *stain* left upon England for your dear Brother's cruel, though heroic, fate!—Ever, dear Miss Gordon, yours sincerely and sympathisingly,

"V. R. I."

The Queen's second letter thanked Miss Gordon for the gift of the "precious Bible" read by General Gordon. The sister of the heroic General explains that "the Bible here referred to was one used by my Brother for many years, and was his constant companion when at Gravesend, Galatz, and during his first sojourn in the Soudan; it was then so worn out that he gave it to me. Hearing that the Queen would like to see it, I forwarded it to Windsor Castle, and subsequently offered it to her Majesty, who was graciously pleased to accept it. The Bible is now placed in the South Corridor in the private apartments, enclosed in an enamel and crystal case, called the 'St. George's Casket,' where it lies open on a white satin cushion, with a marble bust of General Gordon on a pedestal beside it."

Sentence on Mr. Gilhooly.—The trial of Mr. Gilhooly, M.P., on a charge of intimidation, was resumed at Schull on Tuesday. The defendant announced that owing to the demeanour of the Magistrates throughout the proceedings, he would not examine witnesses nor make a legal defence. The Magistrates sentenced Mr. Gilhooly to two months' imprisonment without hard labour. An appeal was lodged.

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